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Evacuation Tips

- Minimize the distance you must travel to reach a safe location. The longer the drive, the higher the likelihood of encountering traffic problems and congestion.
- Do not get on the road without a planned route, or a place to go.
- Consider the home of the closest friend or relative outside a designated evacuation zone and discuss your plan with them before the hurricane hits.
- Choose a hotel/motel outside of the vulnerable area.
- If neither of these options is available, select the closest possible public shelter.
- Use the evacuation routes designated by authorities and, if possible, drive it before an evacuation order is issued.
- Contact your local emergency management office to register or get information regarding anyone in your household whom may require special evacuation assistance.
- Include pets in your evacuation, most public shelters do not accept pets.
- Before you leave your home, board up doors and windows, put unsecured yard objects indoors and turn off all utilities.
- Before the hurricane hits, fill your car with gas.
- Have cash on hand
- Take all prescription medicines and special medical items, such as glasses and diapers.
- If your family evacuation plan includes an RV, boat or trailer, leave early. Do not wait until the evacuation order or exodus is well underway to start your trip.
- When an evacuation order is delivered, do not wait or delay your departure.
- Expect traffic congestion and delays during evacuations. Expect and plan for significantly longer travel times than normal to reach your family's intended destination.
- **Stay tuned to local radio/television stations and listen carefully for advisories or specific instructions from local officials. Monitor NOAA weather radio.**

*The following information is provided by the National Hurricane Center,
a division of the National Weather Service.*